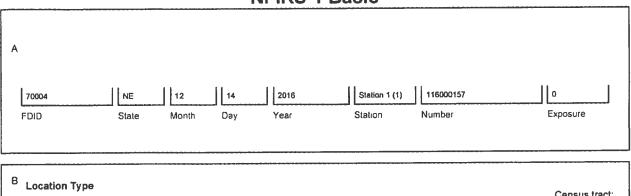
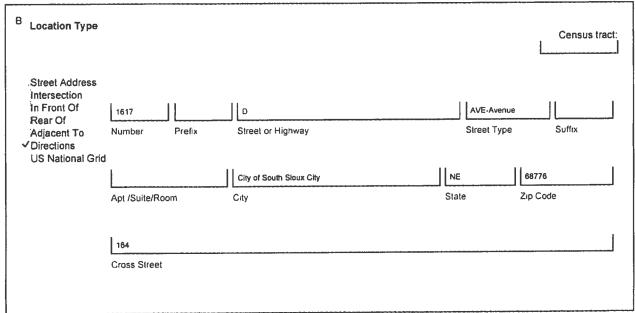
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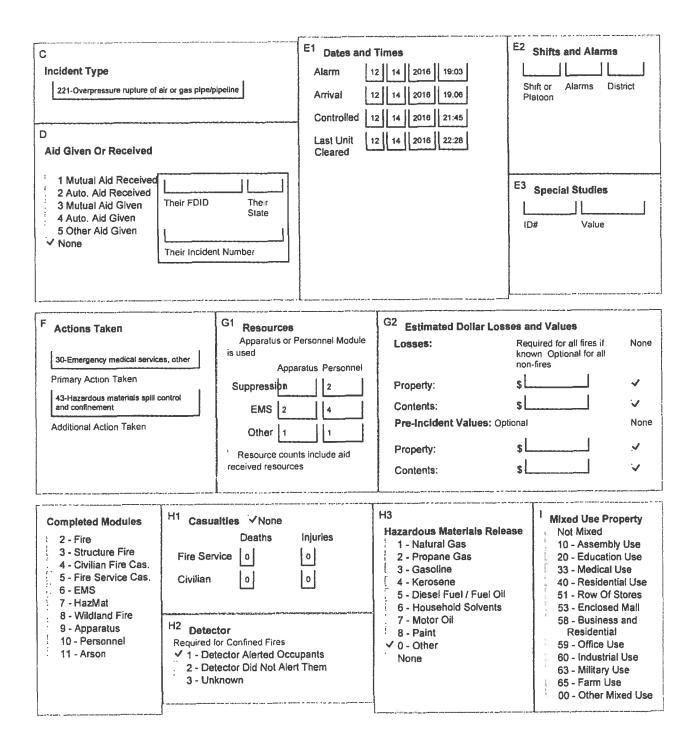


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Post Office Box

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State

| Property Use None Structures | | 341 Clinic, Clinic-Type Infirmary 342 Doctor/Dentist Office | | 539 Household Goods, Sales, Repairs 571 Gas or Service Station | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| 131 Church, Place of Worship 36 | | | Prison or Jail, Not Juvenile | 579 Motor Vehicle/Boat Sales/Repairs | | | |
| | | | .1- or 2-Family Dwelling | 599 Business Office | | | |
| 13 Elementary School, Kindegarten 4 | | 429 | | | 615 Electric-Generating Plant | | |
| | | 439 | Rooming/Boarding House | 629 Laboratory/Science Laboratory | | | |
| | | 449 | | | 700 ✓. Manufacturing Plant | | |
| 41 College, Adult Ed | ucation | 459 | Residential, Board and Care | | Livestock/Poultry Storage (Barn) | | |
| 11 Nursing Home | | 464 | . Dormitory/Barracks | | Non-Residential Parking Garage | | |
| 31 Hospital | | 519 | Food and Beverage Sales | 891 | Warehouse | | |
| utside | | 938 | Graded/Cared for Plot of Land | Prope | erty Use: | | |
| 24 Playground or Pa | ırk | | | | I I | | |
| 55 Crops or Orchard | | | Railroad Right-of-Way | Description Look up and enter a Property Use code and | | | |
| 69 Forest (Timberlar | | 960 | Other Street | | | | |
| 07 Outdoor Storage | , | 961 | 'Highway/Divided Highway | | | | |
| 19 Dump or Sanitary | / Landfill | 962 | 962 Residential Street/Driveway | | description only if you have NOT checked a Property Use box | | |
| Open Land or Field 98 | | 981 | Construction Site | | | | |
| | | 984 | 84 Industrial Plant Yard | | | | |
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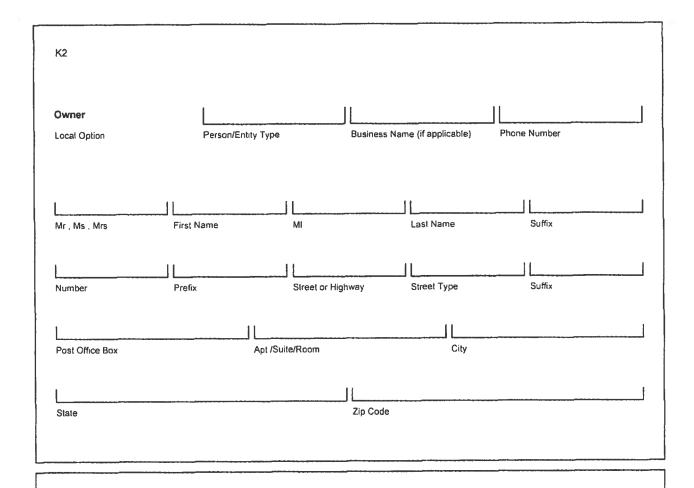
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| | NFIRS- | 7 Hazmat | |
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| A | | | |
| 70004 | NE 12 14 2016 | Station 1 (1) 116000157 | 0 |
| FDID | State Month Day Year | Station Number | Exposure |
| 3 | | | |
| HazMat ID | | | |
| 1053 23-Divisio | on 2.3 Gases toxic by inhalation 7783-06-4 | 1 1030 | 1 |
| | ard Classification CAS Registrati | on # Chemical Name | |
| | | | |
| C1 | C2 | D1 | E1 |
| Container Type 22-Pipe or pipeline | Estimated Container Capacity | Estimated Amount Released | Physical State When Released 1 - Solid |
| None | C3 Units: Capacity | D2 Units: Released | 2 - Liquid 3 - Gas U - Undetermined |
| | Volume Weight | Volume Weight | |
| | 11 - Ounces 21 - Ounces | 11 - Ounces 21 - Ounces | |
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| | 13 - Barrels 23 - Grams 14 - Liters 24 - Kilograms | 14 - Liters 24 - Kilograms | Seleased Into |
| | 15 - Cubic Feet | 15 - Cubic Feet | 5-Air and ground |
| | 16 - Cubic Meters | 16 - Cubic Meters | |

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| F1 Released From Below Grade ✓ 1 - Inside/On Structure 2 - Outside of Structure | F2 Population Density 1 - Urban 2 - Suburban 3 - Rural | | G2 Area Evacuated ✓ 1 - Square Feet 2 - Blocks 3 - Square Miles | | at Actions Taken ion taken, other | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 2 - Blo | | are Feet | G3 Estimated Number of People Evacuated G4 Estimated Number of Buildings Evacuated | Relea 1 - 1 - | If Fire or Explosion is Involved With a Release, Which Occurred First? .1 - Ignition ✓ 2 - Release 3 - Undetermined | |
| Cause of Release 1- Intentional 2 - Unintentional Release 3 - Container/Containment F 4 - Act of Nature 5 - Cause Under Investigatio U - Cause Undetermined Aff | on | | Factors Contributing To R 50-Mechanical failure, malfunction 54-Other part failure, leak, or brea | , other | L Factors Affecting Mitigation 46-Extreme low temperature | |
| M Equipment involved in Relea L Equipment involved In Release None Brand Model Serial Year | se | N Mobile Pro In Release Type Make Model Year License # State DOT/ICC # | | 2 - Com 3 - Rele 4 - Rele 5 - Rele 6 - Rele 7 - Rele 8 - Rele or Mana | appleted by Fire Service Only appleted w/Fire Service Present beased to Local Agency beased to County Agency beased to State Agency beased to Federal Agency beased to Private Agency beased to Property Owner | |

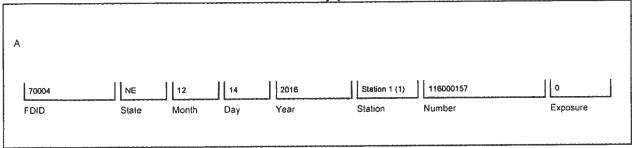
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| hazard | in 1.1 Explosives with mass explosion 74-82-8 and Classification CAS Registration | 1119 Chemical Name | |
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| C1 Container Type | C2 Estimated Container Capacity | D1 Estimated Amount Released | E1 Physical State When Released |
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LEVELS OF CONCERN:

Was to on-site employees, vehicular traffic backing up on the road to Big Ox, semi-trucks needing to come in for material disposal and the fluctuating levels of H2S and CH4.

The safe-distance was set at 1,500 feet: exceeding the ERG recommendations of 1/2 mile.

With subzero temperatures employee safety in removing from the interior break room to the west guard room at the scales was required.

Most doors had been opened by hand due to orders of not using any motorized motors for any operations. These advances in conjunction of the prevailing winds from the NW assisted with diluting the levels of concerned.

OPERATIONAL PLAN:

- 1) Environmental levels of H2S and CH4 were constantly monitored by on-site management reporting levels.
- 2) The safe zone was pushed back 1500-feet from the guard shack at the railroad crossing to 164th St., moving the media and by-standers; bridging the 3/4 mile distance due to any downstream flow.
- 3) One semi-truck with bio-waste (paunch) was allowed to enter to (eventually) dump the load due to the load beginning to coze out onto the field. The driver was instructed to back into the garage on the west end and shut down.
- 4) Employees were allowed to gather their personal items and leave the property,

More SSCFD resources arrived and geared (per SOP) in preparation for safety concerns and rescue.

The Director of Business Development, Kevin Bradley arrived (2017 hrs) and we conducted a second Operational briefing on the status so far and the events leading up to the present.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MITIGATION:

George Hoyus and Perry Winkler, Production Supervisor obtained photographs with fire crews nearby as safety so a mitigation plan could be devised.

SITUATIONAL CAUSE: The event started when workers and crews were attempting to realign an overflow pipe when there was an overpressure blowing the worker off the ladder, falling down six-feet.

Photography review of the interior was evident the pipe required to be adjusted at flange to flange then bolt and secure. This mitigation would reduce any further H2S spillage and complete all other essential plant functions to resume operations, post start-up protocol.

Fire crew: Lt. Shilo Herrmann (CHMT) and FF Toby English (FRO) were in their PPE and SCBA. Wristlets were taped. Instructions from George Hoyus was spelled out and clearly understood.

- 1) Levels of H2S were read and monitored at all times. Readings never increased over 60ppm.
- 2) Levels of CO were consistent at 26%
- 3) The LEL were fluctuating between 1.0 and 1.3%

CONCERNS:

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One of the (paunch) trucks with a load were instructed earlier to back in and shut down.

a) We learned later that he never shut down and kept the engine running.

b) The exhaust gases increased the CO from the low single to lower teens to that of the middle 20's. Chemistry of the CO and mixing with the CH4 was stabilizing the LEL.

OPERATIONS:

At clock time 2119 hrs fire crews entered the building and approached the room and ladder as instructed. A secondary team of two were ready waiting at the main rollup door for any potential rescue scenario. Another FF was ready at the CP (Command Post) as a single resource if needed.

During the operation, one entry member had to spell out due to low air (SCBA), one FF moved up, entered the structure and supported the interior operations. The third member entered the back-up team. First low air FF changed bottle and waited at the door.

Task assignment was accomplished at 2145 hrs.

Company officials began monitoring levels immediately, which saw levels stabilizing and reducing to safe (normal) operating levels.

A de-briefing was conducted by Big-Ox, fire and Emergency Management.

- Clear and concise communications was performed during the entire event
- Understanding the scope of the operations and the hazards was discussed and understood
- Crews were formed timely, stayed doubled up in teams
- Mitigation was performed without any issues
- Control of the scene was maintained
- Security held tight with safe distances
- Monitor readings was immediately given out

Bog Ox IC was terminated with all units cleared at 2228 hrs.

EOR:CFM

| Person/Entity Involved | | Other | | Big Ox Energy | | | |
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| ocal Option | | Person/Entity Type | | Business Name (if applicable) | Phone Number | | |
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